Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is not merely the reduction of fee that we have got to consider. We have to compensate the Aided school Managers for any reduction of fee, because the grant-in-aid now is based on the net expenditure. So, it will be much more than 7 thousand. And then he said that the only ground I said was the financial ground. While it is not merely financial ground, there is another reason that I heard, and that was that English education is intended only for well-to-do classes. What the State thinks as charity is vernacular education. That is all that the poor have the right to claim. So, there is not the same necessity.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Why not the poor have English education also?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is the view of the State at present. English education is only intended for the well-to-do classes.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—May I know the amount of fees collected from the Lower Secondary Department?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot say. It is something like 30 thousand for the Sirkar schools alone.

President.—The resolution before the House moved by Mr. Ambooken runs thus:—"This Council recommends to the Government that owing to the financial incapability of the public, a substantial reduction is to be made in the rate of school fees at least in the Primary and Lower Secondary Departments of schools"

(*The resolution was put to the vote and was lost.*)

President.—Do you like to have a poll, Mr. Ambooken?

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—No, Sir.

President.—We will now pass on to resolutions for discussion on this day's agenda.

(*Resolutions 2 to 6 the movers being absent, were considered to be withdrawn.*)

(2) *A Committee for rural reconstruction.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*This Council recommends to the Government the appointment of a committee (the personnel of which will be named by the mover on the fate of the resolution being known) for the purpose of framing a comprehensive scheme of rural reconstruction for the villages of Cochin.*

(3) *Department of Agriculture under a separate head.*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*This Council respectfully recommends to the Government that in view of the important part that the development of agriculture will have to take in improving the economic condition of people and mitigating the evils of unemployment the department of agriculture be*

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